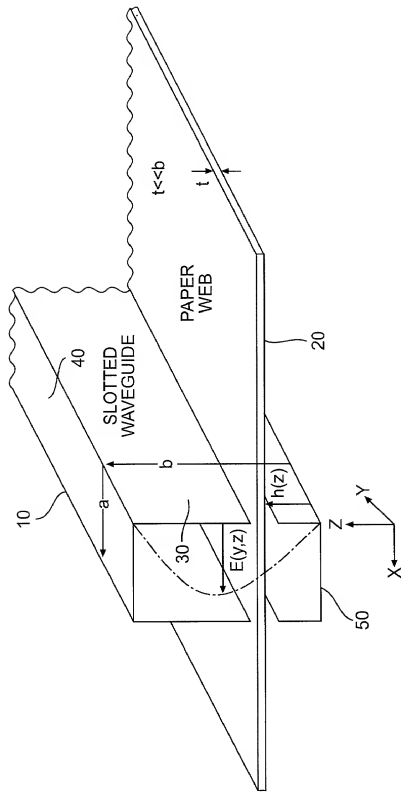


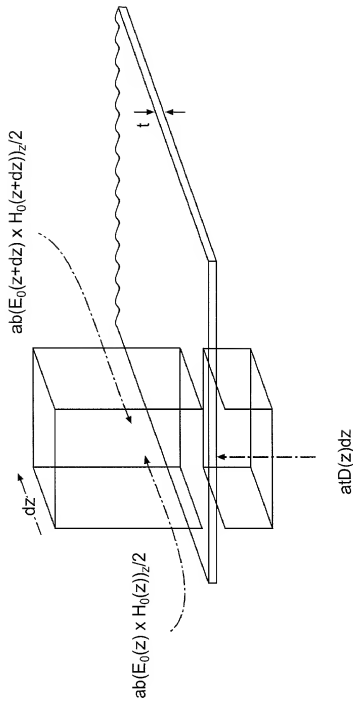
**FIG. 1**  
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PARAMETERS FOR PAPER DRYING IN A WAVEGUIDE

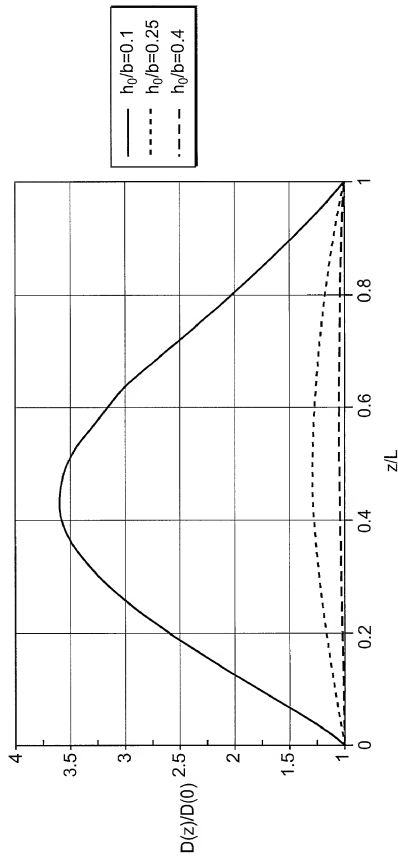
**FIG. 3**



SCHEMATIC FOR ENERGY BALANCE ON AN INFINITESIMAL GUIDE SECTION

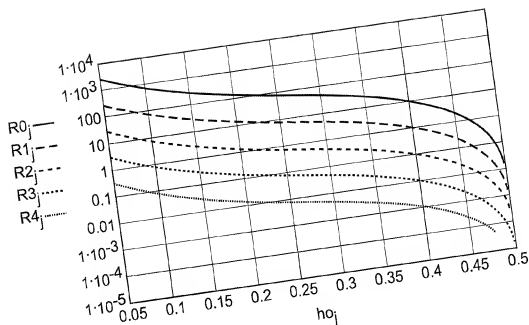
**FIG. 4**

## EFFECT OF USING A LINEAR SLOT PROFILE

NORMALIZED LOCAL DISSIPATION: LINEAR SLOT  
WITH SAME DISSIPATION AT BOTH ENDS

LINEAR SLOT DISSIPATION PROFILE AS A FUNCTION OF STARTING SLOT HEIGHT

**FIG. 5**



PLOTS OF THE RANGE OF CURVED-SLOT-COMPENSATED WAVEGUIDE AS A FUNCTION OF  $h_0/b$ , THE RATIO OF THE STARTING SLOT HEIGHT TO THE GUIDE BREADTH. CURVES ARE DRAWN FOR DIFFERENT VALUES OF  $\epsilon r^2 t$  IN METERS. THE VALUES OF  $\epsilon r^2 t$  PLOTTED ARE LISTED BELOW. THE CURVES DROP TO LOWER VALUES AS  $\epsilon r^2 t$  INCREASES.

$b=0.072$  GUIDE BREADTH IN m  
 $f=2.45 \cdot 10^9$  FREQUENCY IN Hz  
 $\sin(\pi \cdot \min)^2=0.024$

$\epsilon r^2 t = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \cdot 10^{-6} \\ 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ 5 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \\ 0.05 \end{bmatrix}$

**FIG. 6**

THE SHAPE OF A SLOT CURVE FOR A GIVEN  
 $\epsilon_r t$  AND  $h_0/b$

$\epsilon_r t := 10^{-4}$  WEB IMAGINARY DIELECTRIC CONSTANT TIMES  
 THICKNESS IN METERS

$N := 1000$  NUMBER OF DATA POINTS IN A SLOT  
 CURVE PLOT

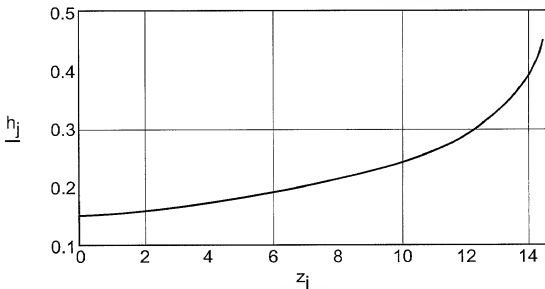
$j := 0..N-1$  ITERATION PARAMETER FOR RANGE PLOTS

$h_{0in} := .15$  STARTING RATIO OF  $h/b$

$z_{max} := \frac{b \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sin(\pi \cdot h_{0in})^2} - 1 \right)}{2 \cdot \omega \cdot Z_0 \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot \epsilon_r t}$  MAXIMUM VALUE  
 OF COMPENSATED  $z$

$z_j := 99 \cdot z_{max} \cdot \frac{j}{N-1}$  VALUES FOR SLOT HEIGHT PLOTS

$h_j := \left( \frac{t}{\pi} \right) \cdot \text{asin} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sin(\pi \cdot h_{0in})^2} - 2 \cdot \omega \cdot Z_0 \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot \frac{\epsilon_r t}{b} \cdot z_j \right)^{\frac{-1}{2}} \right]$  SLOT  
 HEIGHT VALUES  
 NORMALIZED TO  $b$   
 AS A FUNCTION OF  $z$



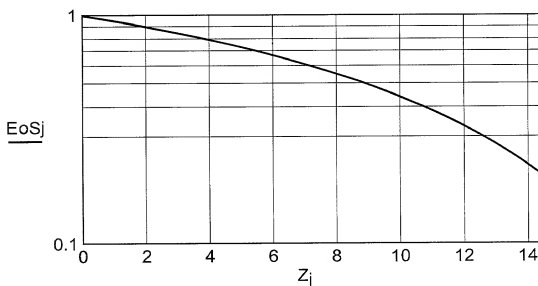
HEIGHT OF THE SLOT DIVIDED BY THE GUIDE  
 BREADTH AS A FUNCTION OF GUIDE LENGTH IN METERS

$z_{max} = 14.443$  RANGE OF COMPENSATION  
 IN METERS

**FIG. 7**

RATIO OF THE E FIELD INTENSITY AT THE GUIDE CENTER TO ITS INITIAL VALUE AS A FUNCTION OF Z FOR THE SAME PARAMETERS AS IN THE SLOT SHAPE CURVE.

$$EoS_j = \left( 1 - 2 \cdot \omega \cdot Z \cdot \epsilon_{rt} \cdot \frac{\pi}{b} \cdot z_j \cdot \sin(\pi \cdot h_{min})^2 \right) \quad \text{THE RATIO OF } E_0 \text{ SQUARED TO } E_{00} \text{ TO SQUARED AS A FUNCTION OF } Z.$$



PLOT OF THE RELATIVE CENTER GUIDE FIELD INTENSITY VERSUS GUIDE LENGTH FOR AN IMS OPTIMUM COMPENSATED SLOTTED WAVEGUIDE. THE Z AXIS IS IN METERS AND THE Y AXIS IS INTENSITY RATIOED TO ITS VALUE AT z=0.

$\epsilon_{rt} = 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  WEB IMAGINARY DIELECTRIC  
 CONSTANT TIMES THICKNESS (m)  
 $h_{min} = 0.15$  INITIAL h/b  
 $z_{max} = 14.443$  RANGE OF COMPENSATION IN METERS

**FIG. 8**



M:=4 NUMBER OF WEB RUNS  
 R=1.5 MAXIMUM RATIO OF  $\epsilon_{rt}$  OPERATION TO  $\epsilon_{rt}$  DESIGNED

m=0..M-1 ITERATION PARAMETER

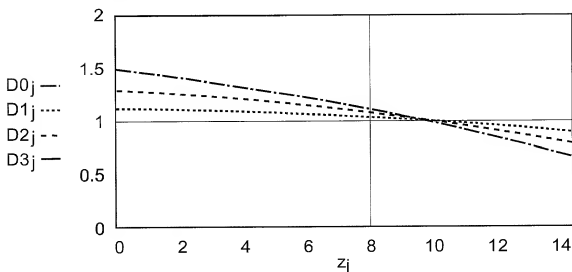
$r_m := R^{\frac{m}{M-1}}$  THE VALUES OF THE RATIO OF THE ACTUAL  $\epsilon_{rt}$  TO THE DESIGNED  $\epsilon_{rt}$ .

$$D0_j := r_0 \left( 1 - 2 \cdot \omega \cdot Z \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{rt}}{b} \cdot z_j \cdot \sin(\pi \cdot \text{homin})^2 \right)^{r_0 - 1}$$

$$D1_j := r_1 \left( 1 - 2 \cdot \omega \cdot Z \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{rt}}{b} \cdot z_j \cdot \sin(\pi \cdot \text{homin})^2 \right)^{r_1 - 1}$$

$$D2_j := r_2 \left( 1 - 2 \cdot \omega \cdot Z \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{rt}}{b} \cdot z_j \cdot \sin(\pi \cdot \text{homin})^2 \right)^{r_2 - 1}$$

$$D3_j := r_3 \left( 1 - 2 \cdot \omega \cdot Z \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{rt}}{b} \cdot z_j \cdot \sin(\pi \cdot \text{homin})^2 \right)^{r_3 - 1}$$



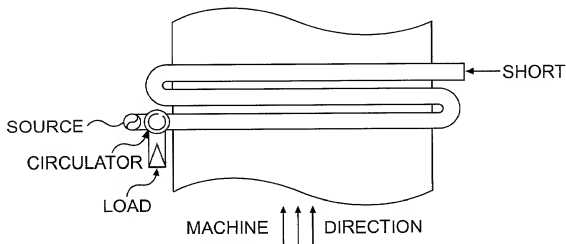
PLOTS OF THE WEB HEAT DISSIPATION RELATIVE TO THE HEAT DISSIPATION AT  $z=0$  IN THE DESIGNED WAVEGUIDE AS A FUNCTION OF WAVEGUIDE LENGTH IN METERS. DIFFERENT CURVES HAVE DIFFERENT RATIOS OF  $\epsilon_{rt}$  OPERATING TO  $\epsilon_{rt}$  DESIGNED. THE ACTUAL RATIOS ARE LISTED BELOW AS  $r$ .

$\epsilon_{rt}=1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  DESIGNED WEB IMAGINARY DIELECTRIC CONSTANT TIMES THICKNESS (m)  
 $z_{max}=14.443$  RANGE OF COMPENSATION IN METERS  
 $\text{homin}=0.15$  INITIAL  $h/b$

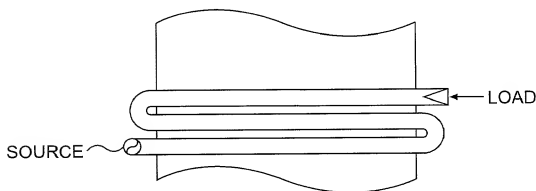
$r = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1.145 \\ 1.31 \\ 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$

**FIG. 9**

TWO SERPENTINE MICROWAVE APPLICATOR CONFIGURATIONS:  
 (a) SHORT AT TERMINATION END; (b) DUMMY LOAD AT  
 TERMINATION END.

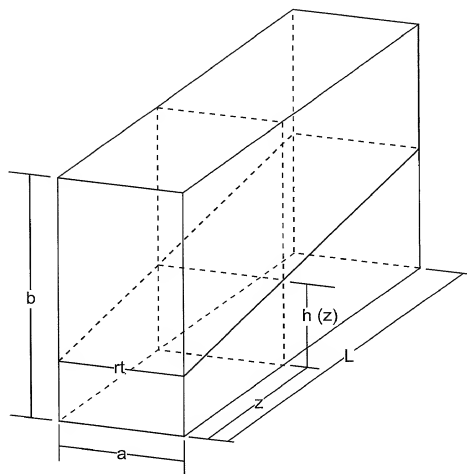


**FIG. 10(a)**

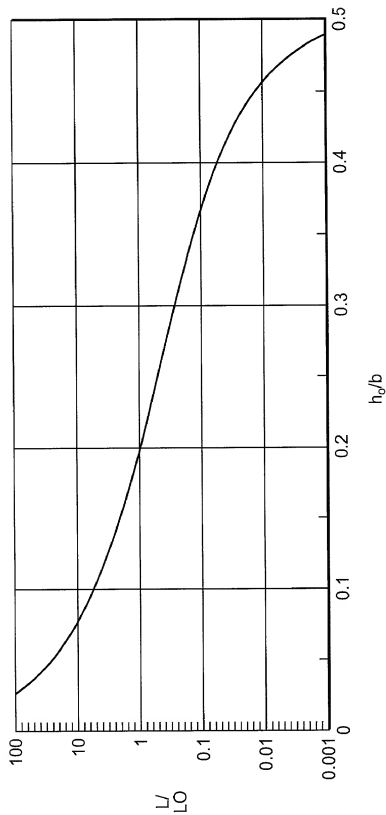


**FIG. 10(b)**

DEFINITION OF SLOT (AND PAPER) LOCATION WITHIN THE  
WAVEGUIDE.

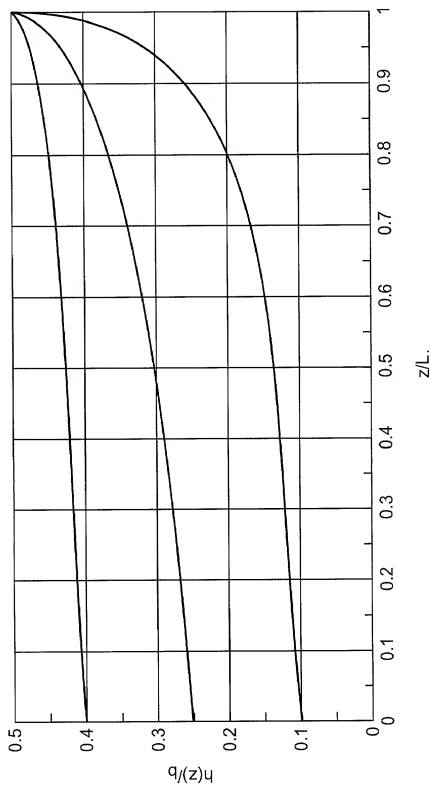


**FIG. 11**



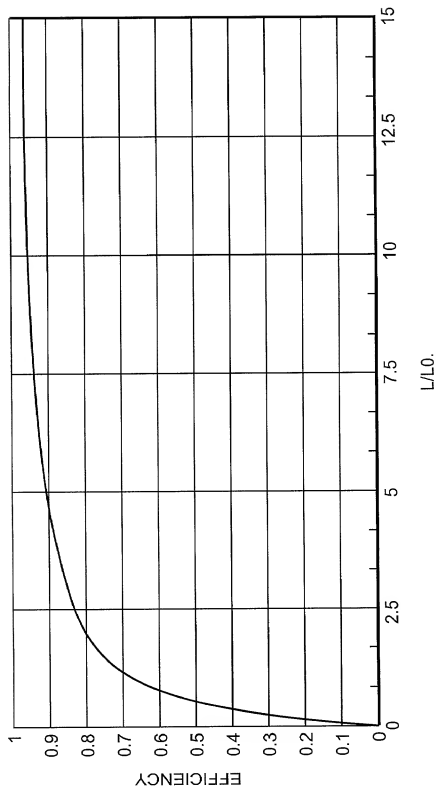
IDEAL DIMENSIONLESS LENGTH VS. INITIAL SLOT HEIGHT

**FIG. 12**



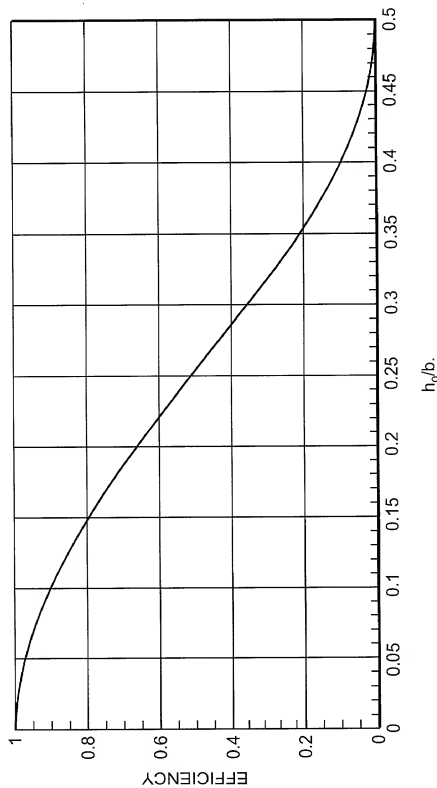
IDEAL SLOT SHAPES for  $h_0/b = 0.1, 0.25, 0.4$ .

**FIG. 13**



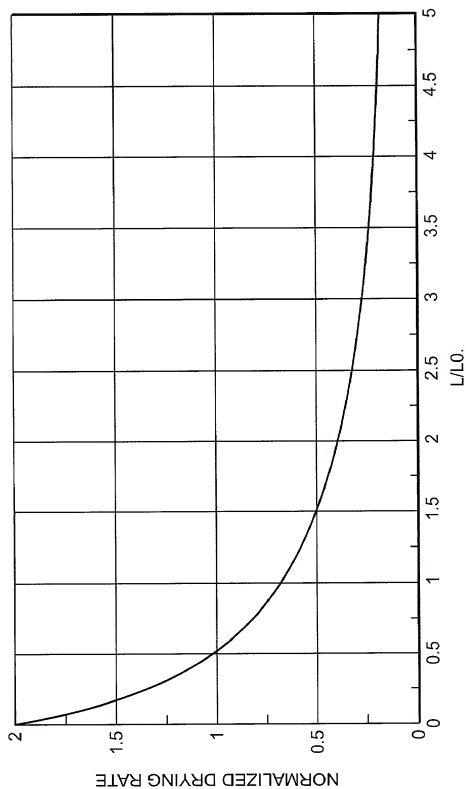
EFFICIENCY VS. IDEAL DIMENSIONLESS LENGTH

**FIG. 14**



EFFICIENCY (AT IDEAL LENGTH) VS. INITIAL HEIGHT

**FIG. 15**



NORMALIZED DRYING RATE FOR IDEAL LENGTH.

**FIG. 16**



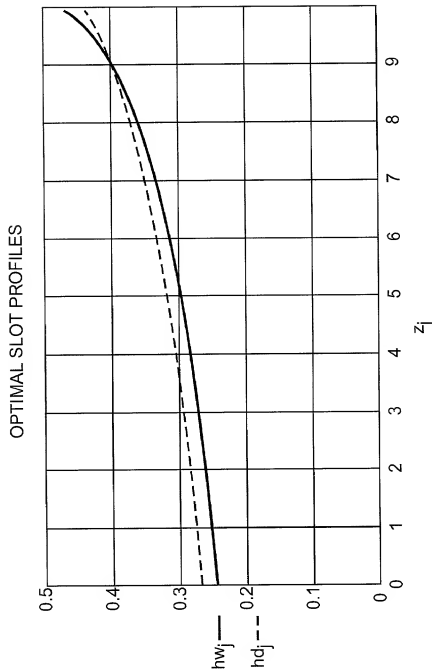
THE SLOT HEIGHT PROFILE,  $h(z)$ , WHICH GIVES UNIFORM DRYING  
DEPENDS ON THE PAPER BASIS WEIGHT AND ITS MOISTURE CONTENT,  
 $\epsilon_r$ ,  $t$ .

THE OPTIMAL SLOT PROFILE IS

$$h(z) = (b/\pi) \sin^{-1}[(1/\sin^2(\pi h_0/b) - 2Z\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon_r t/b)^{-1/2}]$$

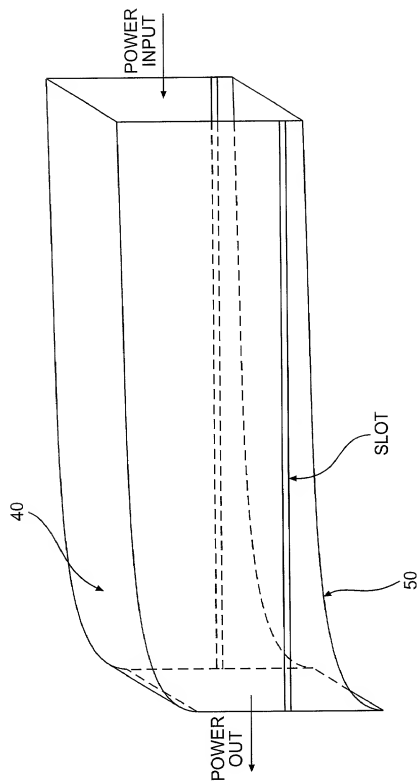
WHERE  $h_0$  REPRESENTS THE SLOT HEIGHT AT THE SOURCE SIDE  
OF THE WEB AND  $z$  IS THE DISTANCE ALONG THE WAVEGUIDE  
(CD).

**FIG. 17**

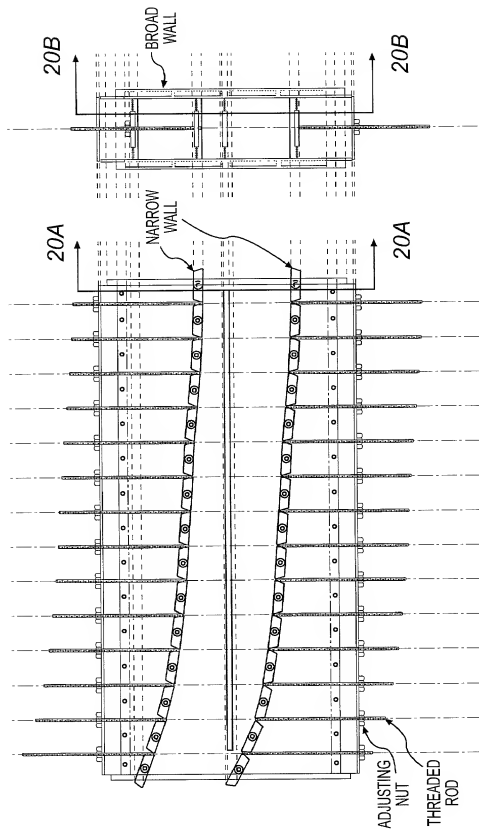


PLOTS OF THE OPTIMAL SLOT HEIGHT DIVIDED BY THE WAVEGUIDE HEIGHT AS A FUNCTION OF DISTANCE IN METERS FROM A MICROWAVE SOURCE AT 2.45 GHz IN AN S-BAND WAVEGUIDE. THE SOLID LINE IS DESIGNED FOR A 200 g/m<sup>2</sup> BOARD AT 10% MOISTURE, WHEREAS THE DOTTED LINE IS FOR 7% MOISTURE.

**FIG. 18**



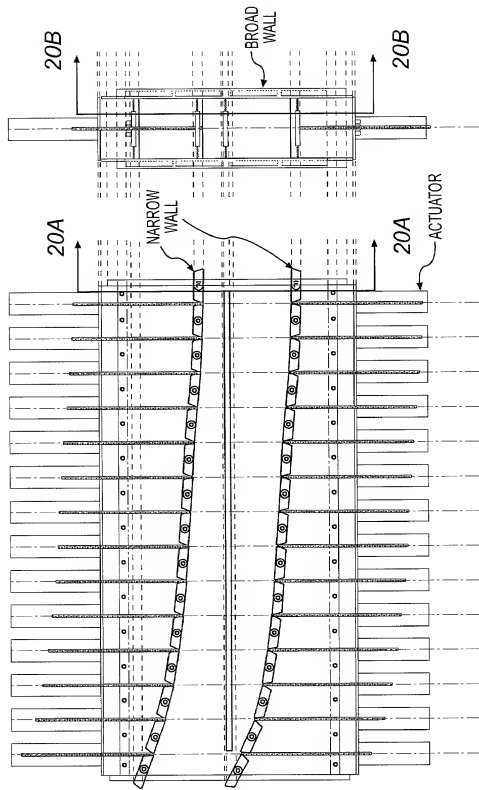
**FIG. 19**



MANUALLY ADJUSTED VARIABLE WAVEGUIDE

**FIG. 20B**

**FIG. 20A**



AUTOMATICALLY ADJUSTED VARIABLE WAVEGUIDE

FIG. 21A

FIG. 21B